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Welcome to the Planner's Update, an electronic newsletter from The Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services. We send this newsletter monthly to share helpful information related to planning in Washington State.

Please feel free to send us any comments or ideas for how to make this newsletter more useful. You can also use the link below to provide additional names of planners who might like to subscribe. Please also consider sharing this newsletter with planning commissioners.

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1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS MOVED!

Effective September 27, the Department of Commerce moved its Olympia office to a new location. Our new physical address will be 1011 Plum Street Southeast – conveniently located just a few blocks east of our current location. The move allows the department to consolidate its staff into one “right-sized” building in Olympia, which is newly renovated to LEED Silver standards. The move is being accomplished within the department’s existing budget, and will produce significant long-term savings on rent and energy costs. The Seattle and Spokane Commerce offices remain in the same locations.

Commerce staff telephone numbers and e-mail addresses remain unchanged. Our Olympia mailing address also remains the same: PO Box 42525, Olympia, WA 98504-2525. Please stop by to see our new location the next time you are in Olympia!

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2. BROWNSFIELDS CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE

If you were unable to attend the 2010 Brownfields Redevelopment Conference in Tacoma, presentations are now available for download. They are posted on the conference agenda located at <http://www.nebc.org/content.aspx?pageid=68>. Only the speaker names that are highlighted have a presentation available for download. The conference theme, "Reclaiming Our Communities," focused on integrating community visioning and planning with brownfields cleanup and restoration processes.

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3. SUBMIT YOUR PLAN AND CODE AMENDMENTS ELECTRONICALLY!

Growth Management Services reminds all counties and cities that you can transmit all draft amendments to comprehensive plans and development regulations electronically. Just e-mail your draft amendments to reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov to fulfill the requirements of RCW 36.70A.106 to provide 60-day notice to state agencies. Save on mailing costs and copies, and minimize your time and hassle! If you are still mailing hard copies of your amendments, please begin sending your amendments electronically today! If you have any questions, contact Paul Johnson at 360.725.3048 or paul.johnson@commerce.wa.gov.

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